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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I strongly urge you to expand the scope of practice for Naturopathic Medicine, particularly in the New England States. I sort the help of a Naturopathic Doctor due to recurrent bouts of Ehrlichia from a tick bite. After seeking the advice of many traditional medical doctors, only to be put back on antibiotics that was not helping me, I finally got some relief from my Naturopathic Doctor. Because tick-borne diseases are prevalent in New England, it is particularly important to expand the the scope of practice for ND care.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lori DiBiase